

**Block Island 350 Committee Meeting  
Town Hall, Old Town Road  
Tuesday, November 30, 2010  
3:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Committee Members Co-Chair Fran Migliaccio, Co-Chair Connie LaRue, Beth Rousseau, Martha Ball, Pam Gasner, Alternate Bill Wilson and Consulting Member Edie Blane. Also present were Cheryle Gagnon, Cindy Lasser and for the recording of minutes Millie McGinnes.

**Call to Order**

Ms. Migliaccio called the meeting to order a 3:02 p.m.

**Approve Minutes of November 9, 2010**

Ms. LaRue made a motion to approve the minutes of November 9, 2010 as amended.

Ms. Rousseau seconded the motion and it carried.

4 Ayes (Migliaccio, LaRue, Wilson, Rousseau)      0 Nays

Ms. Ball and Ms. Gasner were not present for the vote.

**Treasurer's Report**

Ms. Gasner joined the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Ms. Rousseau reported that the Committee had taken in \$125 for postcard sales, \$120 for key chain sales, and four new donations amounting to \$875.

**Old Business**

Trademark protection (Fran)

Ms. Migliaccio stated that Jack Lynch advised her that they should have a statement on the website stating that the 350 logo can not be altered and can only be used with permission from the committee. It was suggested that the committee also let the Chamber of Commerce know their policy regarding the logo.

Christmas postcard (Connie)

Ms. LaRue displayed the Christmas postcards she had printed, noting the production cost of \$175 for 500. She explained that they were being sold for \$0.50 per card.

Ms. Rousseau made a motion to ratify the expenditure of \$175 for the 500 postcards. Ms. LaRue seconded the motion and it carried.

5 Ayes (Migliaccio, LaRue, Wilson, Rousseau, Gasner)      0 Nays

Ms. Ball was not present for the vote.

Car decals (Connie)

Ms. LaRue stated that she is working with John Cullen on car decals.

Brick for Esta's Park purchased (Fran)

It was noted that a brick for Esta's Park which states "BI 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee" was purchased.

Postage stamps with our logo, prices (Connie, Fran)

Ms. Migliaccio stated that they had researched a postage stamp with the 350 logo and found it too expensive to pursue.

Commission of "Block Island Suite" (Fran)

Ms. Migliaccio stated that she was removing the commission of a Block Island suite from the table as the \$2,500 fee is too expensive to pursue. Ms. Gasner suggested that Anders Verchelli may be willing to compose a piece of music as a donation.

Colonial music performance & history update: for vote (Fran)

Ms. Migliaccio reported that Ginger and David Hildebrand will be presenting their colonial music performance on August 15, 2011 for \$1,200 plus expenses which was previously approved. She explained that they were willing to perform again on the 16<sup>th</sup> on the Mystic Whaler for an additional \$400.

Ms. Gasner made a motion to approve an additional \$400 to the Hildebrand colonial players for a free of charge performance on the Mystic Whaler. Ms. LaRue seconded the motion and it carried.

5 Ayes (Migliaccio, LaRue, Wilson, Rousseau, Gasner) 0 Nays

Ms. Ball was not present for the vote.

Presentations by G. Carbone, J. Varekamp, D. Rittner, R. Thorson (Fran)

Ms. Migliaccio reported on the following presentations:

- Historian G. Carbone will discuss Nathaniel Green and Katie Littlefield on June 23, 2011.
- Professor of Earth Sciences J. Varekamp will discuss Block Island natural history on August 25, 2011.
- Historian D. Rittner will present on July 28, 2011.
- Writer R. Thorson will discuss stonewalls and ponds on September 8, 2011.

**New Business**

Wakefield Band concert, July 30 (Fran)

The Wakefield Band, a corps of 75 musicians, would like to come and perform on July 30, 2011 with a rain date of July 31<sup>st</sup>. Their fee is \$500 plus transportation.

Ms. LaRue made a motion to approve a \$500 expenditure for the performance of the Wakefield Band. Ms. Gasner seconded the motion and it carried.

5 Ayes (Migliaccio, LaRue, Wilson, Rousseau, Gasner) 0 Nays

Ms. Ball was not present for the vote.

The expenses for the band members ferry trip will be explored and discussed at a later date.

Shipwreck Party, tentatively August 18 (Fran)

The Shipwreck Party is tentatively scheduled for August 18, 2011.

Island Anniversary Fair, September (Fran)

Ms. Migliaccio stated that she was working with another island entity to combine efforts for a fair in September. She explained that she anticipates crafts, a farmer's market, wild animal displays, donkey rides, a skillet toss and other attractions.

**Any other business to come before this assembly**

Ms. Migliaccio suggested that the 350 Committee sponsor the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Rhode Island Statewide Historic Preservation Conference for a donation of \$250. Discussion ensued. Ms. Rousseau stated that she will ask the Town's Finance Director if making a donation to another non-profit is an allowable action. This item will be addressed at a later date.

Ms. Gasner questioned whether there were plans for a community photo of descendants of original settling families at rededication of Settler's Rock, or a community photo of sorts. Discussion ensued. Consensus was that a community photo of descendants of original settling families at the rededication of Settler's Rock would be very desirable and should be pursued.

Ms. Ball joined the meeting a 3:55 p.m.

Cindy Lasser of Island Bound was present and discussed her proposal to sponsor a read-a-thon (proposal attached), with proceeds to go to the Historical Society for two items: a flat screen TV showing a feed of scanned historic photos; and a monument to the Manisseans to be located at their historic village site on the Neck.

Ms. Rousseau made a motion to allow Island Bound to use the 350 logo for their read-a-thon program to benefit the Block Island Historical Society. Ms. LaRue seconded the motion and it carried.

5 Ayes (Migliaccio, LaRue, Wilson, Rousseau, Ball) 0 Nays 1 Recused (Gasner)

Ms. Gasner will formulate a proposal regarding the Manissean marker. She stated that she would like to dedicate such a marker on June 26, 2011.

Ms. Migliaccio stated that the Ancient Mariners fife and drum corps, consisting of 25 musicians, would like to come and perform July 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> for a fee of \$2000 plus travel. It was decided to not engage the group, as there was no room in the budget.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 1:00 p.m., at Town Hall.

**Adjourn**

Ms. LaRue made a motion to adjourn at 4:25 p.m. Ms. Gasner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Millie McGinnes, Deputy Town Clerk

Approved: December 14, 2010